

DoD Identifies Army Casualty

The Department of Defense announced today the death of two Soldiers who were supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

They died Dec. 11, in Kunar province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked their unit with an improvised explosive device.

Killed were:

Sgt. Christopher L. Muniz, 24, of New Cuyama, Calif., was assigned to the 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii and

Spc. Ronald H. Wildrick Jr., 30, of Blairstown, N.J., was assigned to A Company, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii

Sgt. Muniz's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Medal and the Army Service Ribbon. Posthumous Awards include: Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, NATO Medal and the Combat Action Badge.

Spc. Wildrick's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Army Service Ribbon and the Basic Parachutist Badge. Posthumous awards include Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, NATO Medal and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

This was both Sgt. Muniz's and Spc. Wildrick's first overseas deployment.

Sgt. Muniz enlisted in the U.S. Army on November 13, 2008 as a Signal Intelligence Analyst. Spc. Wildrick enlisted in the U.S. Army June 18, 2008 as an Infantryman.

Sgt. Muniz was married and Spc. Wildrick was married with 2 daughters.

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